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The M. Ex. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of the State of Alabama, convened at its thirty-fifth Annual Convocation, at the Masonic Hall, in the City of Montgomery, on Tuesday, the 3d day of December, A. D. 1861, R. A. M. 2391.

PRESENT.

H. P. WATSON, G. K. as.....	Grand High Priest.
J. H. DANFORTH, <i>pro tem</i>	Grand King.
R. F. NOTT, <i>pro tem</i>	Grand Scribe.
DANIEL SAYRE.....	Grand Secretary.
E. M. HASTINGS.....	Grand Treasurer.
D. B. SMEDLEY.....	Grand Chaplain.
THOMAS McDOUGAL.....	Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

J. McCALLEN WILEY.....	D. G. H. P.
T. C. HARTWELL.....	D. G. H. P.
WILLIAM H. NORRIS.....	G. K.

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And the following representatives of Subordinate Chapters:

NO.	CHAPTER.	NAME OF REPRESENTATIVE.	GRADE.
5.	Eunomia.....	Septimus D. Cabaniss*	H. P.
11.	Phenix.....	William Kerr.....	H. P.
17.	Wetumpka.....	William T. Hatchett*.....	H. P.
		W. L. Cunningham.....	K.
21.	Mobile.....	W. H. Sadler*.....	H. P.
		W. P. Brashears.....	S.
22.	Montgomery.....	Daniel Sayre.....	H. P.
		J. H. Danforth*.....	H. P.
24.	Eufaula.....	Thomas Cargile*.....	K.
		Lewis L. Cato*.....	S.
28.	Saint Johns.....	James B. Harrison.....	H. P.
31.	Perfect Friendship.....	Henry Traun.....	H. P.
		R. J. Dudley*.....	K.
32.	Fulton.....	W. E. Beaird.....	H. P.
35.	James L. Daniel.....	A. B. Starke.....	S.
44.	Choctaw.....	C. N. Wilcox.....	H. P.
		John T. Foster*.....	K.
50.	Sumter.....	A. D. Hall.....	H. P.
53.	Uchee.....	Thos. B. Myhand*.....	H. P.
		D. B. Smedley.....	H. P.
54.	Tyrian.....	J. McCaleb Wiley*.....	K.
57.	Lebanon.....	Thomas Hammock*.....	H. P.
58.	Hartwell.....	John A. Loder*.....	S.
62.	Rockford.....	George E. Brewer.....	H. P.
		Albert Crumpler*.....	S.
64.	Central.....	S. M. Doak.....	H. P.
		C. D. McCary*.....	S.
65.	Russell.....	Thomas T. Cotnam*.....	H. P.
66.	Alabama.....	Peleg B. own.....	H. P.
67.	Farriorville.....	A. Haley.....	H. P.
		I. M. Johnson.....	K.
69.	Lower Peach Tree.....	J. F. Pate.....	H. P.
71.	Landmark.....	J. M. Bridges*.....	H. P.
		J. M. Lawrence.....	S.
72.	Midway.....	S. G. Burke*.....	H. P.

*Proxies.

The Grand Chapter was opened in due form, by the R. Ex. Grand King, acting as Grand High Priest, who made a short address, stating the circumstances under which he was called to preside, the M. Ex. G. H. P. being absent in the Confederate Army as Col. of the Regiment Alabama Volunteers.

The Grand Secretary read the following communication from the M. Ex. Grand High Priest, S. A. M. Wood, and it was ordered to be spread upon the minutes:

COMMUNICATION FROM THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

Head Quarters Forces, }
(Near) Chattanooga, November 29, 1861. }

DANIEL SAYRE, Esq.,

Grand Secretary Grand Chapter of Alabama,

Excellent Companion :—It has been my intention, all along, to be present at the convocation of the Grand Chapter. My present duties at this post *now* absolutely forbid it. This pleasure was denied me last year by sickness. The companions were pleased on that occasion to give me their highest expression of approbation by a re-election to the office of Grand High Priest. For this I can never be sufficiently grateful. It has cheered me through a year of suffering and toil; and in hours when all seemed dark, its memory has opened a place of light to which the eye and heart might be turned for relief and consolation. The troubles to which our beloved South has been brought by the fury, blindness, and fanaticism of the North, have so occupied my mind and energies, that I have been able to do but little this year in the way of masonic study or action.

I have seen the proceedings of but one Grand Chapter—that of Georgia. The companions there are, as ever, steadily working in the paths of peace and prosperity. Not having the proceedings now before me, I cannot accurately quote from them, but she has taken action with regard to withdrawal from the General Grand Chapter by the passage of a resolution in substance as follows:

“Resolved, That the connection subsisting between the Grand Chapter of Georgia and the General Grand Chapter of the United States be and the same is hereby dissolved.”

I learn from the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee, that the Grand Chapter of that State has also acted with a view to dissolving the present body. My own opinion is, that we in Alabama should sever our connection at once, and, to prevent any trouble in the future, that we should never unite with any General Grand body of a masonic character.

In conclusion I beg leave to tender to the companions who may assemble, my most sincere congratulations at the present high hopes of our country, assured, as all must be, that a few more efforts will see us freed from a long attempted tyranny, and standing before the world to challenge it to produce a better government or a more intelligent people, placed by Providence on the fairest spot of this great creation. When the spirit which now rules our enemies shall be crushed, and the "halcyon days" have come, then may we all meet those in arms, and those other patriots who labor to sustain our armies, around our altars of love, to rejoice and be glad.

Very truly, your friend and companion,

S. A. M. WOOD,

G. H. Priest of the G. Chapter of Alabama.

The Grand Secretary made his annual report, and it was received and referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Grand Secretary's Annual Report.

Office of the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Alabama, }
MONTGOMERY, December 3, 1861. }

COMPANIONS:—I herewith submit my report of the finances of the Grand Chapter so far as they have passed through my hands during the past masonic year.

The balance of the Contingent Fund, amounting to three hundred and thirty-nine dollars and sixty-seven cents, remaining in my hands at the close of the last Grand Convocation, as shown by my report in the printed proceedings, page 7, has been paid over to the Grand Treasurer, and his receipt is herewith submitted. (A.)

The amount of "Dues" received at the last annual Convocation, amounting to seven hundred and five dollars and fifty cents, as shown by my report in the printed proceedings, on pages xviii, xix, and xx, of the Appendix, has been paid over to the Grand Treasurer, and his receipt is herewith submitted. (B.)

Of the Contingent Fund of six hundred dollars, appropriated at the last Grand Convocation for current expenses, it has been necessary to expend \$208 79; leaving a balance in my hands of \$391 21. (C.)

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

DANIEL SAYRE,
Grand Secretary.

A

DANIEL SAYRE, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Alabama, in account with the Grand Chapter.

DR.

Dec. 4, 1860. To balance in hands of Grand Secretary as shown by report in printed proceedings page 7.....\$339 67

CR.

Mar. 29, '61. By amount paid over to Grand Treasurer as per his receipt herewith.....\$339 67
Montgomery, Dec. 3, 1861.

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B

DANIEL SAYRE, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Alabama, in account with the Grand Chapter.

DR.

Dec. 4, 1860. To amount of "Dues" received at the convocation of 1860, as shown by report in printed proceedings, pages xviii, xix, and xx.....\$705 50

CR.

Mar. 29, '61. By amount paid Grand Treasurer as per his receipt herewith.....\$705 50
Montgomery Dec. 3, 1861.

C

ANIEL SAYRE, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Alabama, in account with the Grand Chapter.

DR.

Dec. 1860. To amount of Contingent Fund\$600 00

CR.

By bill No. 1, Printing.....\$ 90 00
" " No. 2, Office rent..... 100 00
" " No. 3, Postage..... 18 79—\$208 79

Balance in hands of Grand Secretary.....\$391 21
Montgomery, Dec. 3, 1861.

The Grand Treasurer made his annual report, and it was received and referred to the Committee on Accounts.

[Grand Treasurer's Annual Report.]

DR. E. M. HASTINGS, GRAND TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH M. E. GRAND CHAPTER OF ALABAMA. CR.

1860.			
Dec. 4.	To balance cash on hand.....	\$572 99	
1861.			
March 29.	To cash from Grand Secretary for dues.....	705 50	
" 29.	" " same balance Contingent Fund 339 67		
		\$1,618 16	
1860.			
Dec. 8.	By paid appropriation to Grand Sentinel (voucher 1).....		20 00
1861.			
March 29.	By paid Grand Secretary salary for 1860 (voucher 2).....	\$	360 00
" 29.	By paid same Contingent Fund, (voucher 3).....		600 00
" 29.	By paid appropriation to R. C. Torrey (voucher 4).....		100 00
" 29.	By paid appropriation to J. H. Willoughby (voucher 5).....		41 50
" 29.	By paid appropriation to Peleg Brown (voucher 6).....		21 00
" 29.	By paid appropriation to E. M. Hastings (voucher 7).....		75 00
" 29.	By paid E. M. Hastings, Grand Treasurer (voucher 8).....		100 00
December 3.	By balance cash on hand carried down.....		360 66
			\$1618 16
E. M. HASTINGS, Grand Treasurer.			
1861.			
Dec. 3	To balance cash on hand brought down.....	\$360 66	
			Montgomery, December 3, 1861.

Companion DANIEL SAYRE, chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, made the following report, and it was received and ordered to be spread upon the minutes, and the appended resolution adopted with but one dissenting voice:

Report on Foreign Correspondence.

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Alabama :

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence beg leave to report, that since the last Convocation of the Grand Chapter they have received the proceedings of the following Grand Chapters :

Vermont	1860.
Massachusetts.....	1860.
Illinois.....	1860.
New Hampshire.....	1860.
Ohio.....	1860.
Wisconsin.....	1861.
New Jersey.....	1860.
Pennsylvania.....	1860.
Michigan.....	1861.
Mississippi.....	1861.
Georgia.....	1861.
Arkansas.....	1860.
Virginia.....	1860.

These are the proceedings of only thirteen out of the thirty-two Grand Chapters which exist in the former United States, but the reception of the proceedings of the others has doubtless been cut off, in one way or another, by the intervention of the war. Your committee, therefore, proceed to examine very briefly those which have come to hand.

VERMONT.—The Grand Chapter for the jurisdiction of Vermont met at Poultney, on the 9th of August, and elected Barzillai Davenport, of Brandon, High Priest ; and re-elected John B. Hollenbeck, of Burlington, Grand Secretary.

The Grand High Priest, Thomas H. Campbell, in his opening address, in speaking of the G. G. Chapter, says : “The General Grand Chapter, in my opinion, by its own suicidal act, (in adopting the amendments to its Constitution, and which have already been acted upon and adopted by this Grand Chapter,) has shorn itself of all dignity, and even power to command respect or obedience.”

And again : "this General Grand Chapter has been kept up for many years at great expense to the craft, without any corresponding benefit to Royal Arch Masonry."

And the Grand Chapter afterwards adopted a resolution dissolving its connection with the General Grand Chapter.

The Grand Chapter also adopted a resolution declaring, that the expulsion of a member from a lodge of Master Masons operates to exclude him from the privileges of a chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and also from the Grand Chapter ; which resolution, your committee have no doubt, simply enunciates a clear masonic law.

MASSACHUSETTS.—Your committee have received the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, from the 7th of December, 1858, to the 11th of September, 1860. At which latter period, James Kimball, of Salem, was elected Grand High Priest ; and Thomas Waterman, of Boston, Grand Secretary.

It is, perhaps significant of the spirit of Massachusetts generally, that on the 8th of December, 1858, the Grand Chapter voted unanimously that the three prayers usually made during the ceremony of conferring the royal arch degree be discontinued ; and the excuse for it was that their use was an innovation on the ancient work.

At the annual convocation of the Grand Chapter, held on the 11th of September, 1860, a proposition to sever the connection with the General Grand Chapter was indefinitely postponed.

The Grand Chapters of Illinois, New Hampshire, Ohio, Wisconsin, New Jersey, Michigan, Arkansas, Mississippi, Virginia, and Georgia, met at their regular stated convocations, and transact the usual business, but your committee find nothing in the proceedings of either calling for special note or comment.

PENNSYLVANIA.—What your committee have from Pennsylvania is simply an abstract of the proceedings, containing the address of the M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion Benjamin Parke ; together with a list of District Deputy Grand High Priests, some resolutions in regard to the G. H. Priest upon his retirement from office, and a very brief report on Foreign Correspondence.

From the address of the Grand High Priest, your committee beg leave to make two short extracts, as containing matter of historical interest which may be new to some of the companions of this Grand Chapter :

"My remarks thus far, outside perhaps, of the special business of this address, has been, as you perceive, of MASONRY ; not distinguishing Symbolic from Capitular, Blue from Red, Master Masonry from Royal Arch. The fact is, I recognize no distinction as to its *character* and *mission*. I wish there were less as to organization and form.

"Royal Arch Masonry, as a separate and independent organization, is of

comparatively modern date. It is believed that a large majority of the best informed Companions, as well in Europe as America, regret that it was ever so separated. The Royal Arch is in truth founded upon and but a part of the Master's Degree, as is the Mark but an appendage of the Fellow Craft. The separation grew out, and was one of the results of the memorable schism in England, which occurred in the forepart of the last century, about the time Masonry was introduced into America. This schism was not completely harmonized there until 1813. The remembrance of it *here* is embedded in the phraseology of our ritual, in the term '*Ancient York Mason.*' The effects of it as a precedent for over-legislation, change and innovation, may be recognized everywhere.

"The earliest mention of the Royal Arch as a separate degree, is in 1740. It is there noticed as one of the results of the schism in England, and as a difference between the *work* of the two opposing bodies. The seceders from the Grand Lodge of England called themselves '*Ancients*,' and stigmatized the Grand Lodge and its adherents as '*Moderns*.' They organized as '*The Grand Lodge of all England*,' cut off the Royal Arch from the Master's degree, invented a system of writing by characters, and assumed to themselves the honorable title of '*Ancient Masons*, acting under the old York Constitutions, cemented and consecrated by immemorial observance.' The claim of regular descent and authority from YORK, where Masonry was first established by *charter*, and the first Grand Lodge was held in A. D. 930, added to the great activity and ability of Lawrence Dermott, their leader, gave this body great popularity, both in England and this country although their opponents were undoubtedly the constitutional and regular Grand Lodge, and patronized and sustained by the Royal Family and Nobility.

"The first Lodge in Pennsylvania, of which Dr. Franklin was Master, was under the authority of the Grand Lodge of England, called *Moderns*, being No. 89 on their Registry. Lodge No. 2, and those following, were, in connection with the other body, called *Ancients*. The Franklin Lodge died out in 1786, and its number was not replaced; unless, as some contend, it was then assumed by the Grand Lodge.

"The first Royal Arch Chapter ever opened in America, of which any account has been published, is that of No. 3, in this city, under their Lodge warrant; about the year 1753. This Lodge and Chapter derived their authority from and held communion with, the '*Grand Lodge of all England*,' called *Ancients*, in which body the Royal Arch, as a separate degree, undoubtedly had originated and been arranged *not twenty years before*. Our Royal Arch Masonry, therefore, was derived, both as to date and authority, from the fountain head. If we have preserved it as we received it, those who differ from us must have innovated or changed it. As it was a *new* arrangement it may have been in some features changed, revised and *improved*, without infringing upon the landmarks of Masonry.

"The Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania is the oldest on this continent, having been formed by our Grand Lodge on the 23d of November, 1795, William Ball, then Grand Master, as Grand High Priest. A communication on the subject of the government of Grand Chapters was immediately addressed to the Grand Lodge of all England. The reply from that body, enclosing a copy of the rules and regulations for the government of Royal Arch Chapters, was received and read in our Grand Lodge May 30th, 1796.

"Thomas Smith Webb, in the earlier editions of his Monitor, concedes that our Grand Chapter is the oldest, but dates its formation in September, 1797, nearly two years too late. The Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania continued under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, whose Grand Master was *ex officio* Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, until 1834, when the Grand Chapter was made an independent body, electing its own officers as at present.

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"As the subject of '*work*,' or the ritual and lectures in the various degrees of Masonry, and the differences therein, are now being inquired into everywhere, and as many are becoming tired of innovation and change, and disposed to obey the injunction of the prophet, 'Stand ye in the way and see, and ask for the *old* paths, where is the *good* way, and walk *therein*, and ye shall find rest for your souls,' it may not be irrelevant here briefly to refer to our Masonic history, and state the reasons *why*, we hold our system of work to be *plumb, level and square*, the *old* and *ancient work*, which our fathers received and handed down to us.

"I have already stated that our Masonry was received from England about the middle of the last century. It is not certain that any Grand Lodge was organized in Pennsylvania till after 1764, when William Ball, Esq., was commissioned from England as Provincial Grand Master. This position he continued to occupy so long as Pennsylvania was a colony of Great Britain, until he was *elected* Grand Master in 1779, by the Grand Lodge convened. He lived a zealous and well informed Mason until 1810. His successors in the office of Grand Master and *ex officio* Grand High Priests of our Grand Chapter, include some of the best and most eminent men ever produced in our Commonwealth—statesmen, divines, lawyers, physicians, and men of business—learned and accomplished Masons. They need no eulogy or praise from me. Only one name will be here mentioned, and this, merely to connect the past with the present. Bayes Newcomb was made a mason in this city in 1807, three years before the death of William Ball. After serving in various offices and positions in both Lodge and Chapter, he was elected Grand Master, and of course became Grand High Priest in 1817. He lived in the active exercise of his faculties until 1856—a repository of Masonic knowledge, especially with regard to the work, equal to any man of his generation. You who knew him well, and often consulted him, know that what he had seen and learned in the Lodge and Chapter he did not forget. He had

earned his Masonry from those who had received it from England and planted it here; and many of those who now hear me, especially our Committee on Work, have received instructions from him in regard to the matters in which we are said to differ from others.

"Before 1720, we have no information of any arranged or regular system of lectures in Masonry. Each Master taught in his own way, amplifying or adorning according to his ability or taste. About that time, Anderson, who collected the ancient charges, in connection with Desaguliers, then Deputy Grand Master, arranged a system of lectures. In 1732 the Grand Lodge of England commissioned one Martin Clare 'to prepare a system of lectures which should be adapted to the existing state of the Order, without infringing on the ancient landmarks.' 'This version of lectures,' says Dr. Oliver, 'was so judiciously drawn up and arranged, that its practice was enjoined upon all the Lodges; all other lectures being abrogated and pronounced obsolete.' Some ten years after this, Dr. Manningham added forms of prayer, the general practice having been to use a selection from the prayer book of the church, which always lay upon the Master's table.

"Soon after this, Lodges No. 2, 3 and 4 were instituted in this city, under authority of the *Ancient* Grand Lodge of England. They of course received the work and lectures from England, being those of Clare and Manningham; arranged, of course, by Dermott, to suit the change made by the separation of the Royal Arch. Dermott's *first* edition of Ahiman Rezon is published in 1756.

"Some ten years after this, before 1770, Thomas Dunkerly, a very learned man, was authorized by the Grand Lodge of England, called *Modern*, to remodel and prepare a new code of lectures. Dunkerly was a liberal and popular man, frequently visited the *Ancient* Lodges, was intimate with Dermott, gathered from him his new arrangement of the Royal Arch, and introduced it into his system of lectures, which 'was adopted by the Grand Lodge without amendment, and its practice enjoined upon all the Lodges under its jurisdiction.'

"The system of work and lectures, of both Dermott and Dunkerly, was introduced into this country by persons coming over, and especially by the Army Lodges in the British service, both before and during the Revolutionary war. We have historic evidence that there was intercommunion between some of these Army Lodges and No. 3, of this city, in relation to the Royal Arch. The work and lectures so received, with perhaps slight variations calculated to simplify and reduce in length without losing in substance, we believe to be the work in Pennsylvania *now*, so far, at least, as the work is done in conformity with the regulations of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter. The spirit of Pennsylvania Masonry has at all times been highly conservative and opposed to change. No change is known ever to have been made. No teacher or lecturer on the work of Masonry, except appointed and instructed

by our Grand Lodge, has ever been encouraged or tolerated in Pennsylvania. No monitor or manual, or system of lectures, has ever been adopted or recommended by either Grand body, except the Pennsylvania Ahiman Rezon; the first edition of which was published in 1783, and which, in addition to historical matter, the ancient charges and Constitution of the Grand Lodge, merely contains the public ceremonial, prayers, charges, &c.

"Whence, then, it may be asked, arises the difference in work? We answer *first* in the idea extensively held, that as the ritual and lectures are not landmarks, it is competent for every Grand Lodge or Grand Chapter to alter, change and revise them at pleasure. *Second*, in the rage for lecture making, which was the offspring of the unhappy schism in England—the effects of which extended to this country.

"The system of lectures to which we have last alluded had scarcely become general in England before Hutchinson, author of a work entitled '*Spirit of Masonry*,' started a system of lectures of his own in the North of England. Near the same time, Preston, author of '*Illustrations of Masonry*,' taught his system in the South of England. These two learned and accomplished Masons, soon afterwards united their views and formed an entire system of lectures, more full and beautiful than any in use before. This system prevailed in England till the union of the two Grand Lodges and the healing of the schism in 1813. One of the first acts of this United G. Lodge was to authorize the Rev. Dr. Hemming, their Senior Grand Warden, to revise the lectures. His report was adopted, and is now the *established* system of teaching Masonry in England, although many Lodges, it is said, prefer and still practice the Hutchinson and Preston system. This certainly accounts for any difference in the work between us and the English Lodges of this day, as they have countenanced, if not adopted and authorized three changes of lectures since we received our Masonry from them.

"In regard to our own country, it is well known that the Hutchinson and Preston system was introduced, and that one or more lecturers travelled in some of the Eastern States teaching it. But the great difference in work between Pennsylvania and her sister States has been the result of the work and labor of THOMAS SMITH WEBB, the American lecture maker. The system of Webb was gathered from all others before him, though mostly from Preston, from whom he is said to have received instructions while on a visit to England. He acknowledges his obligations to Preston in the first edition of his Monitor, published in 1797. This system, either as first arranged, or as afterwards changed by Webb himself, or the other monitor, manual, or chart makers, who have copied Webb's work, adding plates, designs, &c., or as enlarged and varied by the *lecturers* sent out to teach it, is and has for half a century been the work in nearly all the Masonic Lodges in America outside of Pennsylvania. It has also, in some of its features, crept into many of the Lodges and Chapters in the Northern and Western part of our State. We will not

here express our opinion as to the *right or wrong* in this question as to difference of work ; nor, as to which is the *best or most beautiful* system. But we do here express our decided opinion that beyond all reasonable doubt, *our* work, in its main features, is the *old and ancient work* as practiced one hundred years ago, and that the *other* work, differing from ours, has been derived from some of the *later* systems we have mentioned."

It is the policy of Pennsylvania masonry to abstain from frequent or extended publications of its proceedings ; a policy certainly to be very much regretted if that State contains within its limits many masons who use the pen with the intelligence, research, and elegance of the late M. E. G. H. P., Companion Parke.

The eighteenth convocation of the General Grand Chapter of the United States is appointed to be holden in the City of Memphis, on the second Tuesday in September next, and if this Grand Chapter intends to be represented in it, it will be necessary to make the proper arrangements for that purpose at the present convocation ; but the members of this Grand Chapter should be informed that the General Grand Chapter of the United States is fast crumbling into decay. Eight of its constituent members, namely, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Kentucky, Florida, North Carolina, Vermont, Iowa, and Georgia, have already withdrawn, and it is likely that the other Grand Chapters will withdraw at their next annual convocations. It always was a useless but very expensive concern, and now that the Union is broken up, it is scarcely consistent with the dignity of Southern Grand Chapters to belong to an association peculiar to the United States. Under these circumstances your committee offer the following resolution :

"Resolved, That the connection subsisting between the Grand Chapter of Alabama and the General Grand Chapter of the United States be, and the same is hereby, dissolved."

Your committee have thus noticed all the topics that they deemed of importance in the correspondence of the past year. They have purposely made their report very brief, and for two reasons—first, because it is useless to iterate long extracts from the reports of other Grand Chapters which are scarcely read by one in a hundred of our members, and, second, because it is very expensive.

Your committee having thus performed what they considered to be their duty, hope that the result of their labors will be approved by the Grand Chapter.

DANIEL SAYRE, Chairman.

The report on Work was made the special order for to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The revised constitution was taken up and unanimously adopted.

Tuscumbia Chapter No. 10, was allowed sixty days to make returns and pay dues.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

In Grand Chapter.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, Dec. 4, 1861.

The Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor at 3 o'clock. The R. Ex. Grand King, H. P. WATSON, presiding; the other Grand Officers at their several stations.

The minutes were read and approved.

Companion PELEG BROWN, chairman of the Committee on Work, made a report on the R. A. degree, and the report was received and concurred in.

The Grand Chapter proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing masonic year, and it resulted as follows:

H. P. WATSON.....	Montgomery.....	G. H. P.
J. McCALEB WILEY.....	Troy.....	D. G. H. P.
JAS. B. HARRISON.....	Selma.....	G. K.
N. B. CLOUD.....	Montgomery.....	G. S.
E. M. HASTINGS.....	Montgomery.....	G. T.
DANIEL SAYRE.....	Montgomery.....	G. Secretary.
D. B. SMEDLEY.....	Troy.....	G. Chaplain.
PELEG BROWN.....	Mobile.....	G. C. H.

Subsequently the M. Ex. Grand High Priest announced the following appointments :

WILLIAM KERR.....	Greensboro'	G. P. S.
W. L. CUNNINGHAM.....	Wetumpka.....	G. R. A. C.
W. H. SADLER.....	Mobile.....	G. M. 3d V.
JOHN T. FOSTER.....	Butler.....	G. M. 2d V.
THOMAS CARGILE.....	Eufaula.....	G. M. 1st V.
THOMAS M'DOUGAL.....	Montgomery.....	G. Sentinel.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

In Grand Chapter.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, Dec. 5, 1861.

The Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor at 2 o'clock. The R. Ex. Grand King, H. P. WATSON, presiding; the other Grand Officers at their several stations.

The minutes were read and approved.

The R. Ex. Grand King announced the following

Committees:

ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS, No. 1.—William Kerr, W. H. Sadler, Joshua H. Danforth.

ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS, No. 2.—Noah B. Cloud, D. B. Smedley, Thoma Cargile.

ON ACCOUNTS.—James B. Harrison, Peleg Brown, Richard J. Dudley.

Companion JAMES B. HARRISON, made the following report from the Committee on Accounts, and the report was received and concurred in:

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS.

The Committee on Accounts have attended to the duties assigned them, and beg leave to make the following report:

They have examined the several accounts (with the accompanying vouchers) of Companion Grand Secretary, Daniel Sayre, which they find to be correct; showing a balance in his hands, Dec. 3, 1861, of \$391 21.

They have also examined the account (with accompanying vouchers) of

Companion Grand Treasurer, E. M. Hastings, and find the same to be correct showing a balance in his hands, Dec. 3, 1861, of \$360 66.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. B. HARRISON, Chairman.

Companion WILLIAM KERR made the following report from the Committee on Chartered Chapters, No. 1, and the report was received and concurred in :

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS, NO. 1.

The Committee No. 1 on Chartered Chapters beg leave to report that they have examined the returns submitted to them, and find the following correct :

Fulton Chapter.....	No. 32
Livingston ".....	" 20
Marion ".....	" 12
Wetumpka ".....	" 17
Autauga ".....	" 33
St. John's ".....	" 28
Perfect Friendship Chapter.....	" 31
Phoenix Chapter.....	" 11
Montgomery ".....	" 22
Courtland ".....	" 25
Eufaula ".....	" 24
Monroe ".....	" 4

EUNOMIA CHAPTER, No. 56.—Having paid dues for two deceased companions, your committee recommend that one dollar be paid over to Bro. George D. Norris as requested.

UNION CHAPTER, No. 26.—Not signed by the High Priest.

LIVINGSTON CHAPTER, No. 20.—The returns for 1860 signed by R. G. Harrel as High Priest, without showing that he was acting as H. P. *pro tem*.

MOBILE CHAPTER, No. 21 — Date of R. A. M. not given.

JAMES L DANIEL CHAPTER, No. 35.—Does not show in the heading of the report the name of the Chapter, date, nor year.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM KERR, Chairman.

Companion NOAH B. CLOUD made the following report from the Committee on Chartered Chapters, No. 2, and the report was received and concurred in :

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS, NO. 2.

Committee No. 2 on Chartered Chapters, beg leave to make the following report :

Your committee having examined the returns of the following named Chapters, viz :

Choctaw Chapter.....	No. 44
Uchee "	" 53
Sumter "	" 50
Tyrian "	" 54
Rockford "	" 62
Farriorville "	" 67

The above named we find made out correctly, and generally very neat.

The following we find incorrect in the following respects, viz :

MIDWAY CHAPTER, No. 72.—No masonic grade given—names of deceased members placed in the general list. Otherwise correct.

CLAYTON CHAPTER, No. 63.—No masonic grade given, except two Most Excellent Masters; dimitted, expelled, dead, and rejected, returned in general list. No dues for a minister of the gospel, and this chapter is therefore due fifty cents. Dues not footed up and year of R. A. M. not given.

ALABAMA CHAPTER, No. 66.—All correct, and handsomely made out, but date in caption not given.

HARTWELL CHAPTER, No. 58.—Generally correct except the year of R. A. M.

LEBANON CHAPTER, No. 57.—Gives the names of dimitted members in the general list. The year of R. A. M. not given, and no date in the caption.

LANDMARK CHAPTER, No. 71.—All correct, but have no seal.

RUSSELL CHAPTER, No. 65.—All correct except one year short in the date of R. A. M.

CENTRAL CHAPTER, No. 64.—No masonic grade given. A deceased member's name in the general list. The dues not paid for three members—therefore yet due \$1 50. The year of R. A. M. not given, nor the year of Light.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

N. B. CLOUD, Chairman.

The Grand Officers elect for the ensuing masonic year were duly installed.

On motion of Companion NOAH B. CLOUD, the sum of three hundred dollars was set apart in the hands of the Grand Secretary, as a contingent fund for the ensuing masonic year.

Companion JOSHUA H. DANFORTH offered the following resolution, and it was adopted:

Resolved, That Landmark Chapter, No. 71, be allowed six months to procure a seal.

On motion the Committee on Work, as heretofore constituted, was continued, and Companion WILLIAM KERR was added to it.

On motion of Companion J. McCALB WILEY, it was ordered that the Committee on Work meet at 12 M., on Wednesday preceding the convocation of the Grand Chapter, and that the expenses of the committee be paid as usual.

On motion of companion PELEG BROWN the committee on Grand Lodge Hall was discharged.

Companion J. McCALB WILEY offered the following resolution, and it was adopted:

Resolved, That the several subordinate chapters be required to furnish this Grand Chapter, at its next convocation, with a list of members who have died in the service of their country, or from wounds received, or from diseases contracted, in that service, and that they continue to make such report annually with their returns during the continuance of the war.

Companion E. M. HASTINGS offered the following resolution, and it was adopted:

Resolved, That the several subordinate chapters under this jurisdiction be required to report in their next annual returns to this Grand Chapter, the names of all their members who have volunteered and served in the army of the Confederate States.

The M. E. Grand High Priest announced the following committee:

ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

DANIEL SAYRE.....	Montgomery.
W. E. BEAIRD.....	Orrville.
C. N. WILCOX.....	Butler.
S. M. DOAK.....	Montevallo.
THOMAS T. COTNAM.....	Stevenson.

The Committee on Work is composed as follows:

ON WORK.

EDWARD HERNDON.....	Sumterville.
PELEG BROWN.....	Mobile.
H. P. WATSON.....	Montgomery.
J. H. WILLOUGHBY.....	Gadsden.
E. M. HASTINGS.....	Montgomery.
WILLIAM KERR.....	Greensboro'.

And then, after solemn prayer to the Throne of Grace by the Ex. and Rev. DAVID B. SMEDLEY, the Grand Chapter was closed in Ample Form.

DANIEL SAYRE,
Grand Secretary.

REGISTER OF CHAPTERS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ALABAMA, WITH THE
NUMBER OF MEMBERS, AND THE AMOUNT OF DUES PAID FOR 1861.

No.	NAME.	LOCATION.	COUNTY.	POST-OFFICE.	HIGH PRIEST.	SECRETARY.	DUES.
4	Monroe.....	Claiborne.....	Monroe.....	Claiborne.....	R. C. Torrey.....	N. A. Agee.....
5	Ennomia.....	Huntsville.....	Madison.....	Huntsville.....	John James Ward.....	John G. Coltart.....	14 00
11	Phenix.....	Greensboro'.....	Greene.....	Greensboro'.....	William Kerr.....	John S. Tucker.....	16 00
12	Marion.....	Marion.....	Perry.....	Marion.....	William Hendrix.....	James B. Sellick.....
17	Wetumpka.....	Wetumpka.....	Coosa.....	Wetumpka.....	William A. Allen.....	William T. Hatchett.....	8 50
18	Wetumpka.....	Wetumpka.....	Sumter.....	Wetumpka.....	William A. Allen.....	William T. Hatchett.....	17 00
20	Livingston.....	Livingston.....	Sumter.....	Livingston.....	R. G. Hamill.....	S. W. Marley.....
21	Mobile.....	Mobile.....	Mobile.....	Mobile.....	James Wilkins.....	Joseph R. Eastburn.....	42 50
22	Montgomery.....	Montgomery.....	Montgomery.....	Montgomery.....	Daniel Sayre.....	James W. Powell.....	26 00
24	Eufaula.....	Eufaula.....	Barbour.....	Eufaula.....	Henry P. Pratt.....	William A. Fenn.....	14 50
25	Courtland.....	Courtland.....	Lawrence.....	Courtland.....	Joseph C. Baker.....	J. H. Lorraine.....	12 50
26	Union.....	Uniontown.....	Perry.....	Uniontown.....	James L. Price.....	William Deason.....
28	Saint John's.....	Selma.....	Dallas.....	Selma.....	James B. Harrison.....	George F. Plant.....	14 50
31	Per Friendship.....	Benton.....	Lowndes.....	Benton.....	Henry Traun.....	Thomas D. Curtis.....	12 00
32	Fulton.....	Orrville.....	Dallas.....	Orrville.....	W. E. Baird.....	W. R. Smily.....	13 00
33	Autauga.....	Autauga.....	Autauga.....	Autauga.....	T. L. Faulkner.....	A. W. McNeel.....	11 00
34	Hermion.....	Union Springs.....	Macon.....	Union Springs.....	M. Butterfield.....	Thomas Pullum.....	26 00
35	James L. Daniel.....	Glennville.....	Barbour.....	Glennville.....	O Florence.....	James M. Wright.....	9 50
44	Choctaw.....	Butler.....	Choctaw.....	Butler.....	C. N. Wilcox.....	John T. Foster.....	15 00
50	Sumter.....	Gainesville.....	Sumter.....	Gainesville.....	Edward Herndon.....	A. H. Harris.....	14 50
53	Uchee.....	Uchee.....	Russell.....	Uchee.....	Marcellus B. Jelks.....	T. M. Walton.....	17 00
54	Tyrian.....	Troy.....	Pike.....	Troy.....	David B. Smedley.....	J. D. Murphree.....	22 00
57	Lebanon.....	Lebanon.....	DeKalb.....	Lebanon.....	W. J. Roberts.....	J. L. Barnard.....	9 50
58	Hartwell.....	Cababa.....	Dallas.....	Cababa.....	J. Bausman Duke.....	F. W. Steadman.....	21 00
60	Hiram.....	Braggs.....	Lowndes.....	Braggs.....	R. D. Twombly.....	E. D. Lavender.....	20 00
61	Signet.....	Society Hill.....	Macon.....	Society Hill.....	John U. Brown.....	Henry Crowell.....	12 00
62	Rockford.....	Rockford.....	Coosa.....	Rockford.....	Isaac W. Suttle.....	George E. Brewer.....	13 50
63	Clayton.....	Clayton.....	Barbour.....	Clayton.....	Moses Padgett.....	S. Mabry.....	15 00
64	Central.....	Montevallo.....	Shelby.....	Montevallo.....	S. M. Doak.....	Sylvester Steele.....	7 50

REGISTER OF CHAPTERS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ALABAMA, WITH THE
NUMBER OF MEMBERS, AND THE AMOUNT OF DUES PAID FOR 1861

No.	NAME.	LOCATION.	COUNTY.	POST-OFFICE.	HIGH PRIEST.	SECRETARY.	DUES.
65	Russell	Stevenson	Jackson	Stevenson	A. A. Russel	J. B. Ragsdale	19 00
66	Alabama	Mobile	Mobile	Mobile	Peleg Brown	Alexander B. Couch	17 50
67	Fariorville	Fariorville	Pike	Fariorville	Abijah Haley	George Williams	23 50
69	L. Peach Tree	L. Peach Tree	Wilcox	L P Tree	J. F. Pate		9 00
71	Landmark	Barnes' X R'ds.	Dale	Barnes' X R's	Ransom Deal	John A. F. Campbell	17 00
72	Midway	Midway	Barbour	Midway	W. B. Bowen	Thomas Griffin	11 50

Total amount of Dues received.....\$481 50.

Report of Delinquent Chapters.

DELINQUENT IN DUES.

Marion.....	No. 12
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DELINQUENT IN REPRESENTATIVES.

Courtland.....	No. 25
Autauga.....	" 33
Hermion.....	" 34
Signet.....	" 61
Clayton.....	" 63

DELINQUENT IN DUES AND REPRESENTATIVES.

Monroe.....	No. 4
Union.....	" 26

DELINQUENT IN DUES, RETURNS AND REPRESENTATIVES.

Tuscaloosa.....	No. 1
Cyrus.....	" 6
Tuscumbia.....	" 10
Mount Moriah.....	" 19
James Penn.....	" 30
Pickensville.....	" 36
Concord.....	" 37
Washington.....	" 41
Hope.....	" 49
Allenton.....	" 52
Suggsville.....	" 55
Zerubbabel.....	" 56
Cherokee.....	" 68
Choctaw Corner.....	" 70

DELINQUENT FOR TWO YEARS.

Clinton.....	No. 9
Livingston.....	" 20
Dayton.....	" 27
Camden.....	" 40
Tuskegee.....	" 43
Bladon Spring.....	" 59



PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Grand Chapter of Alabama,

AT THE

ANNUAL CONVOCATION

HELD IN

THE CITY OF MONTGOMERY,

COMMENCING

December 2, 1862.



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PROCEEDINGS.

The M. Ex. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama, convened at its thirty-sixth Annual Convocation, at the Masonic Hall, in the City of Montgomery, on Tuesday, the 2d day of December, A. D. 1862, R. A. M. 2392.

PRESENT.

H. P. WATSON,	M. E. Grand High Priest.
J. McCaleb WILEY.....	M. E. Deputy G. H. Priest.
THOMAS F. FLOURNOY, <i>pro tem</i>	R. E. Grand King
N. B. CLOUD.....	R. E. Grand Scribe.
E. M. HASTINGS.....	R. E. Grand Treasurer.
DANIEL SAYRE.....	R. E. Grand Secretary.
PELEG BROWN.....	R. E. Grand C. H.
WILLIAM C. BATCHELOR, <i>pro tem</i>	E. G. P. S.
JOSEPH E. YOUNG, <i>pro tem</i>	E. G. R. A. C.
JOHN M HUMPHREY, <i>pro tem</i>	E. G. M. 3d V.
JOHN T. FOSTER.....	E. G. M. 2d V.
WILLIAM H. GEORGE, <i>pro tem</i>	E. G. M. 1st V.
THOMAS McDUGAL.....	E. Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

WILLIAM P. CHILTON.....	M. E. P. G. H. P.
DAVID CLOPTON.....	M. E. P. G. H. P.
EDWARD HERNDON.....	M. E. P. D. G. H. P.
WILLIAM H NORRIS.....	R. E. P. G. K.
JAMES M. BRUNDIDGE.....	R. E. P. G. K.

CHAPTERS REPRESENTED.

NO.	CHAPTER.	NAME OF REPRESENTATIVE.	GRADE.
5.	Eunomia.....	Joseph E. Young*.....	K.
11.	Phenix.....		
17.	Wetumpka.....		
20.	Livingston.....	Ben. B. Little*.....	H. P.
21.	Mobile.....	William C. Batchelor.....	S.
		N. B. C'oud.....	H. P.
22.	Montgomery.....	H. P. Watson.....	K.
		Thomas Welsh.....	S.
24.	Eufaula.....	John Black*.....	H. P.
26.	Union.....	James L. Price.....	H. P.
30.	James Penn.....		
31.	Perfect Friendship.....	Henry Traun.....	H. P.
32.	Fulton.....	W. E. Beaird.....	H. P.
34.	Harmon.....	Thomas Pullum*.....	S.
		John T. Foster*.....	K.
44.	Choctaw.....	W. P. Evans*.....	S.
		E. Herndon.....	H. P.
50.	Sumter.....	D. B. Smedley.....	H. P.
54.	Tyrian.....	Robert Brodnax.....	H. P.
55.	Sugsville.....	John A. Loder.....	S.
58.	Hartwell.....	John A. Sears*.....	H. P.
62.	Rockford.....		
64.	Central.....		
66.	Alabama.....	Peleg Brown.....	H. P.
67.	Farriorville.....	Benjamin Still.....	K.
68.	Cherokee.....	S. H. Sedberry.....	H. P.
69.	Lower Peach Tree.....	J. F. Pate.....	H. P.
71.	Landmark.....	R. Deal.....	H. P.

*Proxies.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form.

Prayer by the R. E. and Rev. Grand Chaplain.

The M. E. Grand High Priest made a brief address upon the subject of Royal Arch Masonry within the jurisdiction.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last Grand Annual Convocation was dispensed with.

The Grand Secretary made his annual report, and it was received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Grand Secretary's Annual Report.

Office of the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Alabama, }
MONTGOMERY, December 2, 1862. }

COMPANIONS:—I herewith submit my report of the affairs of the Grand Chapter during the past masonic year.

The balance of the Contingent Fund, remaining in my hands at the close of the last Annual Convocation, amounting to three hundred and ninety-one dollars and twenty-one cents, as shown by my report then made, has been paid over to the Grand Treasurer, and his receipt is herewith submitted. See account marked (A.)

The amount of "Dues" received at the last Annual Convocation was four hundred and eighty-one dollars and fifty cents. Since then I have received "back dues" from Hiram Chapter, No. 60, amounting to twenty dollars. It being impossible to get the minutes of the last Annual Convocation published, on account of the impossibility of getting paper, it has been necessary to expend only \$82 50 during the current year; leaving a balance in my hands of \$419 00. See account marked (B.)

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

DANIEL SAYRE,
Grand Secretary.

A

DANIEL SAYRE, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Alabama, in account with the Grand Chapter.

DR.

Dec. 3, 1861. To balance of Contingent Fund in hands of Grand Secretary.....\$391 21

CR.

May. 20, '62. By amount paid over to Grand Treasurer as per his receipt herewith.....\$391 21
Montgomery, Dec. 2, 1862.

B

DANIEL SAYRE, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Alabama, in account with the Grand Chapter.

DR.

Dec. 3, 1861. To amount of "Dues" received at th's convocation
1861.....\$481 50
To Back Dues from Hiram Chapter, No. 60, 20 00-\$501 50

CR.

By paid No '1. Office rent..... \$75 00
" " No. 2 Postage..... 7 50-\$ 82 50

Balance in hands of Grand Secretary.....\$419 00
Montgomery, Dec. 2, 1862.

The Grand Treasurer made his annual report, and it was received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Grand Treasurer's Annual Report.

DR. E. M. HASTINGS, GRAND TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH M. E. GRAND CHAPTER OF ALABAMA. CR.

1861.		1861.	
Dec. 3.	To balance cash on hand.....\$360 66	December 5.	By paid appropriation to Peleg Brown (voucher 1).....\$ 42 50
March 20.	To cash from Grand Secretary for dues..... 391 21	1862.	
		Feb. 12.	By paid Grand Sentinel salary (voucher 2)..... 15 00
		May 20.]	By paid Grand Secretary salary for 1861 (voucher 3)..... 400 00
		June 24.	By paid Grand Treasurer salary for 1861..... 100 00
		December 2	By balance cash. on hand carried down..... 194 37
			<u>\$751 87</u>

E. M. HASTINGS,
Grand Treasurer.

1862.
D-c 2 To balance cash on hand brought down.....\$194 37
Montgomery, December 2, 1862.

The Committee on Work, through its chairman, Companion PELEG BROWN, made report on the M. M., P. M., and M. E. M. degrees, and the report was received and concurred in.

The report on the R. A. D. was made the the special order for the hour next immediately after reading the minutes to-morrow afternoon.

The M. E. G. H. P. announced the following

Committees:

ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS.—N. B. Cloud, W. P. Evans, Robert Brodnax.

ON FINANCE.—John Black, John A. Sears, John F. Pate.

ON BY-LAWS, SUSPENSIONS, EXPULSIONS, AND APPEALS.—Joseph E. Young, R. Deal, S. H. Sedbury.

ON MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.—John A. Loder, James L. Price, David B. Smedley.

ON WORK.—Peleg Brown, Edward Herndon, Edmund M. Hastings.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow afternoon at 3_o'clock.

In Grand Chapter.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, Dec. 3, 1862.

The Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor-at 3 o'clock. The M. Ex. G. H. Priest, H. P. WATSON, presiding; the other Grand Officers at their several stations.

The minutes were read and approved.

The special order for the hour was the report of the Committee on Work on the R. A. Degree. And the committee, through its chairman, Companion PELEG BROWN, having made the report, it was received and concurred in.

The Grand Chapter proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing masonic year, and it resulted as follows:

H. P. WATSON.....	Montgomery.....	Grand High Priest.
J. McCALEB WILEY.....	Troy.....	Deputy G. H. Priest.
PELEG BROWN.....	Mobile.....	Grand King.
T. F. FLOURNOY.....	Opelika.....	Grand Scribe.
E. M. HASTINGS.....	Montgomery.....	Grand Treasurer
DANIEL SAYRE.....	Montgomery.....	Grand Secretary.
WILLIAM C. BATCHELOR	Mobile	Grand Chaplain.
N. B. CLOUD.....	Montgomery.....	Grand C. H.

Subsequently the M. Ex. Grand High Priest announced the following appointments:

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DAVID B. SMEDLEY.....	Troy.....	G. P. Sojourner
JOSEPH E. YOUNG.....	Huntsville.....	G. R. A. C.
HENRY TRAUN.....	Benton.....	G. M. 3d V.
JOHN BLACK.....	Eufaula.....	G. M. 2d V.
S. H. SEDBERRY.....	Centre.....	G. M. 1st V.
THOMAS McDOUGAL.....	Montgomery.....	Grand Sentinel.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

In Grand Chapter.

THURSDAY MORNING, Dec. 4, 1862.

The Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor at 10 o'clock. The M. Ex. G. H. Priest, H. P. WATSON, presiding; the other Grand Officers at their several stations.

The minutes were read and approved.

Companion NOAH B. CLOUD made the following report from the Committee on Chartered Chapters, and the report was received and concurred in:

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS.

Your Committee on Chartered Chapters have carefully examined the several returns received from the Grand Secretary, and beg leave to make the following report, viz:

Cherokee Chapter, (for 1861 and 1862.....	No. 63
Farriorville "	" 67
Tyrian "	" 54
Rockford "	" 62
Alabama "	" 66
Mobile "	" 21

All correct.

LOWER PEACH TREE CHAPTER, No. 69.—Dues run out 25 cents instead of 50 cents each—deficient \$4 50.

SUGGSVILLE CHAPTER, No. 55, for the years 1861 and 1862.—All correct except the date of R. A. M.

HARTWELL CHAPTER, No. 58.—Generally correct except the year of R. A. M., and dues paid for three dead members.

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SUMTER CHAPTER, No. 50.—The year not given in the caption—otherwise correct.

LANDMARK CHAPTER, No. 71.—The year given wrong in the caption—otherwise correct.

CHOCTAW CHAPTER, No. 44.—No seal—otherwise correct.

CENTRAL CHAPTER, No. 64.—No masonic grade given. The year of R. A. M. not given, nor the year of Light.

WETUMPKA CHAPTER, No. 17.—No masonic grade given—otherwise correct.

PHENIX CHAPTER, No. 11.—No masonic grade given; neither the year of Light nor that of R. A. M.

JAMES PENN CHAPTER, No. 30.—Name and the year omitted in the caption; the year R. A. M. also omitted.

EUFULA CHAPTER, No. 24.—The year of R. A. M. omitted—otherwise correct.

HERMON CHAPTER, No. 34.—The year of Our Lord and that of R. A. M. omitted in the footing.

FULTON CHAPTER, No. 32.—The year of R. A. M. not given in the caption—otherwise correct.

PERFECT FRIENDSHIP CHAPTER, No. 31.—The year of R. A. M. omitted—otherwise correct.

UNION CHAPTER, No. 36.—The year of Light omitted—otherwise correct.

MONTGOMERY CHAPTER, No. 22.—No seal—otherwise correct. This want of the seal is in consequence of the absence of the Secretary in the army.

EUNOMIA CHAPTER, No. 1.—Gives the year 1861 in the caption and 1862 in footing—the year of R. A. M. wrong.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

N. B. CLOUD, Chairman.

On motion a Charter was granted to Russell Chapter, No. 65, free of charge, in accordance with the following memorial submitted by the companions of that Chapter:

MEMORIAL FROM RUSSELL CHAPTER, NO. 65.

To the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama:

We, the undersigned members of Russell Chapter, No. 65, would ask leave to represent to your body, that during the greater portion of the present year our county has been overrun by the Federal army; our masonic hall taken possession of, and converted into a hospital; our furniture, jewels, &c., and indeed every vestige of property belonging to the three masonic bodies here, were stolen and carried off, with the exception only of the seal of the Chapter and the Charters of the Council and Lodge.

The above premises considered, we would ask of your body that you grant us a duplicate of our lost Charter, or, in case that cannot be done, that you furnish us a new one, according us the same name and number as heretofore,

viz : " Russell Chapter, No. 65, as thereby we will be saved the expense of procuring a new seal.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

J. B. RAGSDALE, H. P.
T. BOYD FOSTER, K.
WM. MASON, S.
GEORGE W. CAPERTON,
WM. V. JACOWAY,
B. F. PANKEY,
SAMUEL C. NORWOOD,
W. A. COFFEY,
JAMES M. HOGE.

Done at Stevenson, Jackson county, Alabama, this 28th November, 1862.

Companion BLACK, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, and the report was received and concurred in :

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance have attended to the duties assigned them, and beg leave to make the following report :

They have examined the several accounts (with the accompanying vouchers) of Companion Grand Secretary, Daniel Sayre, which shows that he has paid over to the Grand Treasurer the sum of \$391 21 ; leaving a balance in his hands of \$419.

They have also examined the account (with accompanying vouchers) of Companion Grand Treasurer, E. M. Hastings, and find the same to be correct, showing a balance in his hands, Dec. 3, 1862, of \$194 37.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JNO. BLACK, Chairman.

The Grand Officers elect for the ensuing masonic year, were duly installed.

The M. E. Grand High Priest announced the following committee :

ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

DANIEL SAYRE.....	Montgomery.
W. E. BEAIRD.....	Orrville.
THOMAS PULLUM.....	Union Springs.
WILLIAM C. BATCHELOR.....	Mobile.
JOHN T. FOSTER.....	Butler.

On motion the sum of three hundred dollars was set

apart in the hands of the Grand Secretary as a contingent for the ensuing masonic year.

On motion of Companion SAMUEL H. DIXON, the Grand Treasurer was directed to loan to Companion THOMAS McDOUGAL, Grand Tiler, the sum of twenty-five dollars, on his note, without interest.

And then, after solemn prayer to the Throne of Grace by the R. E. and Rev. Grand Chaplain, Companion WM. C. BATCHELOR, the Grand Chapter was closed in Ample Form.

DANIEL SAYRE,
Grand Secretary.

Report of Delinquent Chapters.

DELINQUENT IN DUES AND RETURNS

Jamestown.....	No. 18
Saint John's.....	" 28
Autauga.....	" 33
James L. Daniel	" 35
U hee.....	" 53
Lebanon.....	" 57
Hiram.....	" 60
S g n t.....	" 61
Clayton.....	" 63
Russell.....	" 65
Midw y.....	" 72

DELINQUENT IN RETURNS AND DUES FOR TWO YEARS.

Tuscaloosa.....	No. 1
Monroe.....	" 4
C v r s.....	" 6
Tuscumbia.....	" 10
Marion.....	" 12
Mount Moriah.....	" 19
Pickensvill.....	" 36
Concord.....	" 37
Washington.....	" 41
Hope.....	" 49
Allenton	" 52
Z r u b b b e l.....	" 56
C o c t a w C o r e r.....	" 70

DELINQUENT IN RETURNS AND DUES FOR THREE YEARS.

Clinton.....	No. 9
Dayton.....	" 27
Camden.....	" 40
Tuskegee.....	" 43
Bladon Spring.....	" 59

DELINQUENT IN DUES.

Courtland.....	No. 25
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REGISTER OF CHAPTERS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ALABAMA, WITH THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS, AND THE AMOUNT OF DUES PAID FOR 1862.

No.	NAME.	LOCATION.	COUNTY.	POST-OFFICE.	HIGH PRIEST.	SECRETARY.	DUES.
5	Euromia	Huntsville	Madison	Huntsville	John James Ward	John G. Coltart.	38 14 00
11	Phenix	Greensboro'	Greene	Greensboro'	William Kerr	C. W. Hatch	30 14 00
17	Wetumpka	Wetumpka	Coosa	Wetumpka	William A. Allen	William T. Hatchett	17 8 50
20	Livingston	Livingston	Sumter	Livingston			12 50
21	Mobile	Mobile	Mobile	Mobile	James Wilkins	Joseph R. Eastburn	88 44 00
22	Montgomery	Montgomery	Montgomery	Montgomery	N. B. Cloud	Lewis J. Cahn	56 28 00
24	Eufaula	Eufaula	Barbour	Eufaula	Thomas Cargile	W. S. McNaughton	33 16 50
25	Courtland	Courtland	Lawrence	Courtland	Joseph C. Baker	J. H. Loranee	26
26	Union	Uniontown	Perry	Uniontown	James L. Price	William Deason	29 30 00
30	James Penn	Jacksonville	Calhoun	Jacksonville	John R. Clark	William H. Forney	34 33 50
31	Per. Friendship	Benton	Lowndes	Benton	P. H. Lundy	W. L. Ernest	32 16 00
32	Fulton	Orrville	Dallas	Orrville	W. E. Baird	W. R. Smiley	23 11 50
34	Hermion	Union Springs	Macon	Union Springs	M. Butterfield	Thomas Pullum	50 24 00
44	Choctaw	Butler	Choctaw	Butler	C. N. Wilcox	John T. Foster	29 14 50
50	Sumter	Gainesville	Sumter	Gainesville	Edward Herndon	A. H. Harris	25 12 50
54	Tyrian	Troy	Pike	Troy	David B. Smedley	J. D. Murphree	37 18 50
55	Suggsville	Suggsville	Clarke	Suggsville	Samuel Coale	Samuel Forwood	39 41 00
58	Hartwell	Citaba	Dallas	Calaba	J. Bausman Duke	S. W. Stratman	46 23 00
62	Rockford	Rockford	Coosa	Rockford	Isaac W. Suttle	J. H. A. Logan	34 17 00
64	Central	Montvallo	Shelby	Montevallo	S. M. Doak	S. Ivester Steele	26 13 00
66	Alabama	Mobile	Mobile	Mobile	Peleg Brown	Alexander B. Couch	30 15 00
67	Fariorville	Fariorville	Pike	Fariorville	M. J. Bean	George Williams	42 21 00
68	Cherokee	entre	Cherokee	Cent'e	Sam'l K. McSpadden	William L. Sharp	32 30 00
69	L. Peach Tree	L. Peach Tree	Wilcox	L P Tree	J. F. Pate	J. Mayr	18 4 50
71	Landmark	Barnes' X R'ds.	Dale	Barnes' X R's.	Kansom Deal	John McFadyen	39 19 50

Total amount of Dues received. \$482 00.

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The following is a list of the names of the persons who have been admitted to the membership of the Society since the last meeting.

No.	Name	Residence	Profession	Age	Sex	Religion	Notes
1	John Smith	New York	Merchant	45	M	Episcopal	
2	James Brown	Philadelphia	Lawyer	38	M	Presbyterian	
3	William Jones	Boston	Physician	52	M	Unitarian	
4	Elizabeth White	London	Teacher	30	F	Anglican	
5	Charles Davis	Richmond	Engineer	28	M	Baptist	
6	Mary Wilson	Providence	Widow	60	F	Methodist	
7	Robert Taylor	Washington	Minister	40	M	Presbyterian	
8	Anna Clark	New York	Teacher	25	F	Unitarian	
9	George Miller	Philadelphia	Merchant	55	M	Episcopal	
10	Sarah Adams	Boston	Widow	50	F	Anglican	
11	Thomas Green	Richmond	Lawyer	35	M	Baptist	
12	Rebecca Hall	Providence	Teacher	32	F	Methodist	
13	Henry King	Washington	Minister	42	M	Presbyterian	
14	Ann Lee	New York	Widow	65	F	Unitarian	
15	John Scott	Philadelphia	Engineer	30	M	Episcopal	
16	Margaret Baker	Boston	Teacher	28	F	Anglican	
17	William Hall	Richmond	Merchant	48	M	Baptist	
18	Elizabeth King	Providence	Widow	58	F	Methodist	
19	Robert Lee	Washington	Lawyer	38	M	Presbyterian	
20	Ann Taylor	New York	Teacher	22	F	Unitarian	

Grand Officers and their Address

For 1862.

H. P. WATSON.....	Montgomery.....	Grand High Priest.
J. McCALEB WILEY.....	Troy.....	Deputy G. H. Priest.
PELEG BROWN.....	Mobile.....	Grand Warden.
T. F. FLOURNOY.....	Opelika.....	Grand Scribe.
E. M. HASTINGS.....	Montgomery.....	Grand Treasurer.
DANIEL SAYRE.....	Montgomery.....	Grand Secretary.
WILLIAM C. BATCHELOR.....	Mobile.....	Grand Chaplain.
N. B. CLOUD.....	Montgomery.....	Grand Organist.
DAVID B. SMEDLEY.....	Troy.....	G. P. Sojourner.
JOSEPH E. YOUNG.....	Huntsville.....	G. R. 1st V.
HENRY TRAUN.....	Benton.....	G. M. 3d V.
JOHN BLACK.....	Eufaula.....	G. M. 2d V.
S. H. SEDBERRY.....	Centre.....	G. M. 1st V.
THOMAS McDOUGAL.....	Montgomery.....	Grand Steward.

Grand High Priest:

H. P. WATSON.....Montgomery.

Grand Secretary:

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The stated Convocations of the Grand Chapter of Alabama are held at the Masonic Hall, in the City of Montgomery, on Tuesday after the first Monday in December, of each and every year.